

**RESOLUTION
of the
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

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Honoring the Indigenous Mexican Community and Proclaiming Mexica New Year, Ze Kalli, Day in Minneapolis.

Whereas, the Indigenous Mexica peoples, Dakota Oyate people, and other Native Americans of the City of Minneapolis work together in solidarity to preserve, practice, and honor their diverse cultural traditions and ceremonies here in the City of Minneapolis, now and for future generations to come; and

Whereas, outstanding Indigenous Mexica women and men contribute to the diversity of the City of Minneapolis and have demonstrated an energetic commitment to reach out to our diverse communities with respect, service, gratitude, and integrity; and

Whereas, this commitment continues to lead to advances in agriculture, science, art, technology, and politics. Further, Indigenous Mexica peoples not only lift up our City, but have contributed gallantly to the defense of our Nation and the protection and preservation of our land, water, and natural environment; and

Whereas, Indigenous Mexica people are proud residents of the City of Minneapolis. Their children are enrolled in the Minneapolis Public Schools and continue on to the City's various places of higher education opportunity. Further, Indigenous Mexican Youth exhibit an eminent pride in our American heritage, a passionate love of family, a profound devotion to community, and drive to lead our City to new heights of service through scholarship; and

Whereas, these youth who attend, volunteer and dance at the Ze Kalli Celebration are "DREAMers," and have embraced American life in Minneapolis. The discipline of these danza groups, which focus on passing on Indigenous Mexica ancestral knowledge, has played an instrumental role in closing the achievement gap and successfully reaching a 100% graduation rate amongst Ze Kalli youth; and

Whereas, other members of the Indigenous Mexica community are contributing to the vibrancy of the City through entrepreneurial ventures, revitalizing the City by opening businesses and services in central commercial areas like Lake Street and Central Avenue; and

Whereas, Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli, a collective of families committed to teaching the traditions, history, and art of dance of the Mexica (or Aztec) culture, is committed to providing life-long learning opportunities here in the community, adding to the rich diversity of the City of Minneapolis. Further, Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli is dedicated in their work to advance harmony with other Kalpullis and Mexica Aztec dance groups by celebrating and honoring together the observance of the Mexica New Year; and

Whereas, Indigenous Mexica people have formed many danza groups across the City which hold other important ceremonial celebrations/events at Churches and parks in Minneapolis. The danza groups celebrate annually Día De San Pablo (Day of St. Peter and St. Paul) at Sagrado Corazon de Jesus Church located on Pleasant Ave, and the Chalchiutlicue Ceremony at Powderhorn Park; and

Whereas, in the year 2013, The year Matlakyei Tekpatl (13 Flint Stone) comes to an end and the beginning of the year Ze Kalli (1 Kalli). The Mexica New Year will occur on March 12th, between 12:38 a.m. and 12:46 a.m. This New Year also completes a series of larger cycles, beginning the next tlalpilli cycle of 13 years with the essence of Kalli- a time of setting strong foundations and structure;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Mayor and City Council recognizes the richness and diversity of the Indigenous Mexican Community and Honors the Mexica New Year, Ze Kalli, in the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Council declares March 11, 2013 as MEXICA NEW YEAR, ZE KALLI, Day in the City of Minneapolis.